

REMARKS

The specification has been amended above as requested in the Amendment on the applicants Transmittal Letter of January 14, 2002.

The amended claims include sequence identifiers, as required by the attached Notice to Comply which was received with the Office Action dated January 31, 2005.

The applicants note the Examiner appears to have based the restriction requirement of August 25, 2004 on the set of ten (10) claims filed on originally-numbered pages 11-12 of the specification however the undersigned believes that the set of claims 1-9, filed on pages numbered 16-17, and further amended in the Preliminary Amendment of January 14, 2002, were the claims originally presented and the same as claims filed December 27, 1999 in the International Bureau in connection with the parent application Serial No. PCT/FR98/02501, which entered the U.S. as the parent application Serial No. 09/554,911.

Claims "1-10" have been canceled above and the new claim numbered starting at claim 11 as the Examiner and Patent Office appear to have believed the set of claims numbered 1-10 were as originally-filed. Claims 11-19 above are similar to claims 1-9 of the noted parent PCT application.

The above is believed to be completely responsive to the attached Notice. The Examiner is requested to advise the undersigned however in the event anything further is required.

Return of an initialed copy of the PTO 114 Form filed January 14, 2002, pursuant to MPEP § 609, is requested.

Withdrawal of the restriction requirement is again requested along with examination of all the pending claimed subject matter are requested for the reasons noted in the Response of November 23, 2004.

Acceptance of the formal drawings, or specific objection or rejection of the same, is requested.

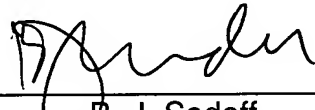
Acknowledgement of receipt of the priority document filed July 24, 2000 in the prior application Serial No. 09/554,911, filed July 24, 2000, is requested.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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